

**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
February 7, 2008
Room W130, West Office, Building, State Capitol Complex**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Dennis Stowell, Co-Chair
 Rep. Ben Ferry, Co-Chair
 Sen. Margaret Dayton
 Rep. Roger Barrus
 Rep. Jack Draxler
 Rep. Carl Duckworth
 Rep. Kerry W. Gibson
 Rep. James R. Gowans
 Rep. John G. Mathis
 Rep. Michael E. Noel
 Rep. Steve Sandstrom

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sen. Mike Dmitrich
 Sen. John Valentine

STAFF: Ivan Djambov, Fiscal Analyst
 Linda Service, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Rep. Ferry called the meeting to order at 2:42 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to accept the minutes of February 4, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

Continuation of Prior Subcommittee Business

Rep. Noel informed the committee that the \$100,000 litigation funds will no longer be necessary for Kane/Garfield counties and those funds can be reallocated. He thanked the committee for their support in this issue.

Sen. Dayton had copies of letters written by the Ibabah Elementary School children made for all committee members.

MOTION: Rep. Ferry requested a letter be sent to the children thanking them for their presentation and the effort made to appear before the committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Karpowicz addressed concerns regarding sage-grouse listing on the endangered species list by the federal government. He responded to committee questions.

Rulon Gill, Questar, commented on the problem presented by the nation's need for energy and how it interferes with sage-grouse habitat. He is suggesting that a portion of the Constitutional Defense Fund that goes to the Public Policy Coordination Office be non-lapsing for one year in an effort to secure an attorney for the purpose of litigation on this issue.

MOTION: Rep. Noel moved to approve Intent Language to be drafted by the Analyst to keep funds in the Public Lands Coordination Office from lapsing for FY 2008 and FY 2009. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Gowans and Rep. Mathis were absent for the vote.

Federal Funds: Analyst Presentation

The Analyst introduced two documents for approval: Issue Brief - Federal Funds - DNR and Issue Brief - Federal Funds - Agriculture.

Greg Sheehan from Wildlife Resources and Reed Harris from DNR spoke to concerns of the committee regarding federal funding.

Introduction of Items for Discussion and Voting

Jim Karpowitz, Director of Wildlife Resources, answered questions from the committee regarding the budget.

MAIN MOTION: Rep. Noel moved to amend the Ongoing Increases EAC Priority List Line Item #1 to read Quagga-Zebra Mussel Management Plan/Sage-Grouse Coordinator.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to leave Line Item #1 in tact as stated, reduce Line Item #8 by \$150,000 and move the \$150,000 to Line Item #3 as a Sage-Grouse Coordinator, and move all line items down one line so that Line Item #3 becomes Line Item #4. The motion failed with Sen. Dayton, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Gowans, and Rep. Mathis voting in support of the motion.

MAIN MOTION: The motion passed with Sen. Dayton voting in opposition.

MAIN MOTION: Rep. Draxler moved to adopt the Ongoing Increases from the EAC Priority List as presented.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Noel made a motion to reduce Line Item #8 by \$150,000 and move \$150,000 to Line Item #4. Rep. Noel withdrew his motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to reverse the priority of Line Item #8 and Line Item #9. The motion passed. Sen. Stowell and Rep. Draxler voted in opposition.

MAIN MOTION: Rep. Draxler moved to pass out favorably the EAC Priority List for Ongoing Increases. The motion pass unanimously.

MAIN MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to adopt the Ongoing Increases for In-House Funding as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

MAIN MOTION: Rep. Noel moved to add language to Line Item #2 to include Sage-Grouse Coordinator.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to adopt the underlying motion to add language to Line Item #2 to include Sage-Grouse Coordinator, and reprioritize the ranking by putting Line Item #8 to Line Item #12 and the others move up. The motion passed. Rep. Draxler voted in opposition.

MAIN MOTION: Rep. Barrus moved to reduce the Utah State Fair budget, Line Item #11, by \$2,000,000, add an additional line item for Energy Infrastructure Development Fund and include the \$2,000,000 in that fund, and reprioritize the Development Fund as Line Item #7.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to take \$2,000,000 from Line Item #10 and put it in an additional line item for Energy Infrastructure Development Fund and place on Line Item # 9. The motion passed with Sen. Stowell voting in opposition.

MAIN MOTION: Rep. Noel moved to reprioritize making Energy Infrastructure follow Utah State Fair. The motion pass unanimously.

Kyle Stephens, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture and Food, responded to questions on the Dyers Woad Weed Program

MAIN MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to adopt the EAC Priority List as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

MAIN MOTION: Rep. Noel moved to fund the \$100,000 reallocation of Kane/Garfield counties as follows: \$50,000 - FFA Program, \$20,000 - Ag in the Classroom, \$10,000 - Jr. Livestock, and \$20,000 - Western Legends 10-year Anniversary Roundup.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to fund the \$100,000 reallocation of Kane/Garfield counties as follows: \$50,000 - FFA Program, \$10,000 - Ag in the Classroom, \$10,000 - Rodeo, \$10,000 - Jr. Livestock, and \$20,000 Western Legends Roundup. The motion passed with Sen. Stowell voting in opposition.

Kyle Stephens informed the committee regarding what FFA does with funding.

MAIN MOTION: Rep. Mathis moved to fund the \$100,000 reallocation of Kane/Garfield counties as follows: \$40,000 - FFA Program, \$20,000 - Ag in the Classroom, \$10,000 - Rodeo, \$10,000 - Jr. Livestock, and \$20,000 Western Legends Roundup. The motion passed unanimously.

MAIN MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to approved the In-House Funding One Time List. The motion passed unanimously.

MAIN MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to reconsider actions on the EAC Priority List for the purpose of removing Line Item #7 Rodeo appropriation of \$10,000. The motion passed unanimously.

MAIN MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to delete Line Item #7 Rodeo appropriation of \$10,000 from the EAC Priority List. The motion passed unanimously.

MAIN MOTION: Sen. Stowell moved to reconsider action on Trails: reduce Trails to \$100,000; add \$100,000 to Quagga/Zebra Mussel Management Program/Sage-Grouse; and \$50,000 to Parks ongoing infrastructure. The motion passed. Rep. Draxler, Rep. Duckworth, and Rep. Ferry opposed the motion.

MAIN MOTION: Sen. Stowell moved to adopt the EAC Ongoing Funding List.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to adopt the underlying motion, change sequence to Line Item #1 Wildlife, Line Item #2 DNR, Line Item #3 Agriculture, Line Item #4 Parks, and adopt the EAC Priority List. The motion failed. Rep. Barrus, Rep. Duckworth, Rep. Ferry, Rep. Gowans, and Rep. Mathis, voted in opposition.

MAIN MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to approve the Non-General Fund Increases as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

MAIN MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to reconsider the motion by Rep. Gibson to adopt the EAC Ongoing Funding list as presented. The motion passed with Rep. Barrus, Rep. Draxler, Rep. Ferry, and Rep. Gowans voting in opposition.

MAIN MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to adopt Intent Language - all departments.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Draxler moved to amend the Intent Language to include: it is the intent of the Legislature to allow SITLA to purchase one vehicle in FY 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Carter responded to questions regarding the purchase of the vehicle.

MAIN MOTION: Rep. Mathis moved to adopt continuation of the non-lapsing balances found in the Issue Brief of the Budget Analysis binder under Tab 3. The motion passed unanimously.

MAIN MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to approve the Federal Funds for Agriculture and DNR as found in the Issue Brief. The motion passed with Sen. Dayton voting in opposition.

MAIN MOTION: Rep. Barrus moved to adopt the fees that were presented by the Analyst during various presentations, as well as the fees changes for beekeepers as proposed by the Department of Agriculture and Food. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Gibson moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Rep. Ben Ferry, Co-Chairman

Sen. Dennis Stowell, Co-Chairman